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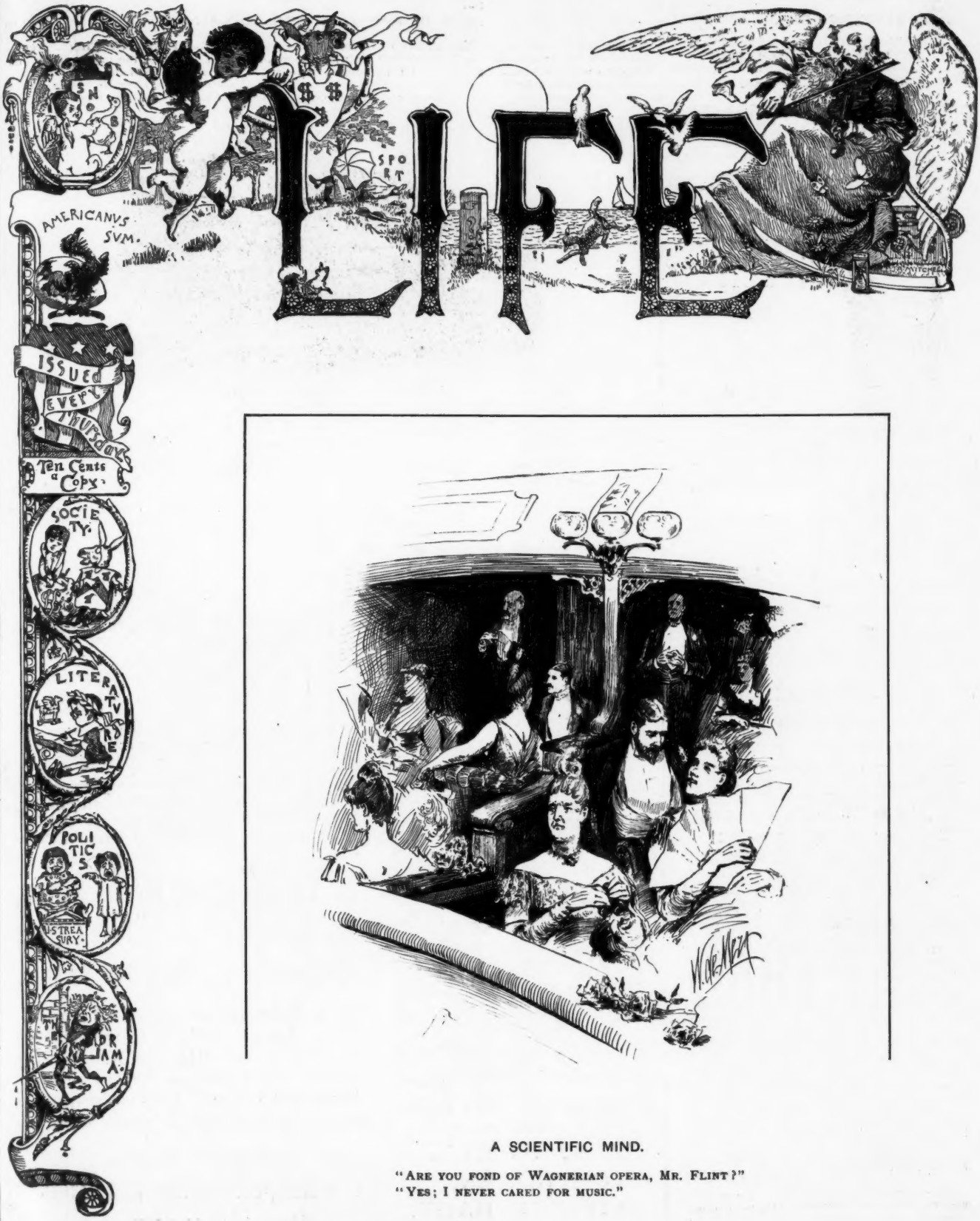

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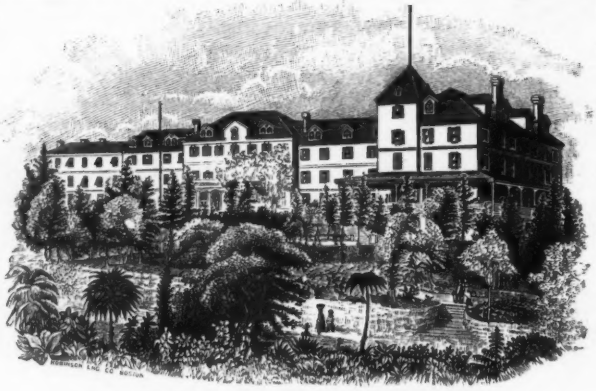

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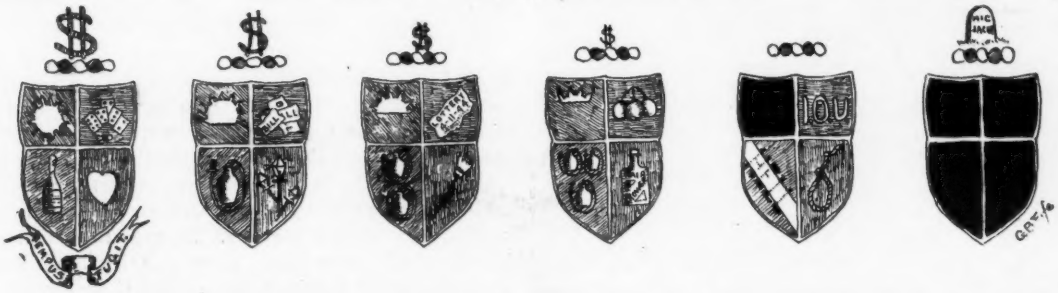
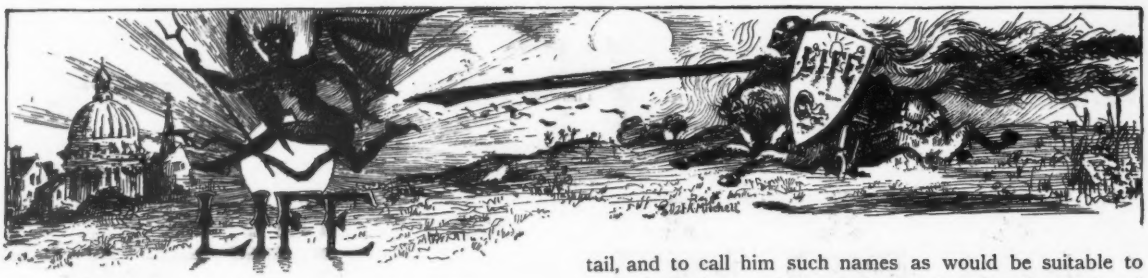


GRANLEY PROCURES FROM A DESIGNER AN APPROPRIATE COAT-OF-ARMS. HE GETS MARRIED SOON AFTER AND HAS THE ARMS ADAPTED TO CHANGING CONDITIONS.

N. B.—The mottoes in the last five have been suppressed.

AN EXCUSE THAT EXCUSED.

Miss Elder: WHY WERE YOU NOT AT MY BIRTHDAY RECEPTION YESTERDAY, MR. SMITHERS? DIDN'T YOU RECEIVE YOUR CARD?
Mr. Smithers: YES, BUT I MISLAID IT.
Miss Elder: BUT DIDN'T YOU REMEMBER THE DATE?
Mr. Smithers (*without malice*): I THOUGHT I DID UNTIL I HEARD A GENTLEMAN SAY THAT YOU WERE NOT BORN YESTERDAY.



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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WHAT an amusing row there has been up at Albany over the diffusion of political pap! And what a smart man our Governor is, and what a lot of exits he keeps to his burrow! You think he is run to earth and the pack sits around the hole ready to eat him the minute he is dug out, and—halloo! there he goes and you get a flash of his brush as he whisks through the fence at the further side of the next lot. The matter of this particular lot of pap it seems he had no hand in whatever. It was other state officers who diffused that—Mr. Secretary Cook and Mr. Comptroller Wemple. The *Argus* might have kept the state printing, it seems, until Tom Platt comes to his own again for all the Governor cared! Oh, our Governor is an awfully amusing gentleman (as the little girls say) if you don't try to take him too seriously! He is an industrious gentleman, also, and usually contrives to make himself reasonably familiar beforehand with such subjects as it comes in his way to tackle, and his knowledge serves him excellent turns when he comes to act. Sometimes it seems as if the essential distinction between him and our Grover lay in this—that one has a remarkable capacity for doing the wrong thing in the right way, and the other a really good gift of doing the right thing, but defective felicity in choosing how and when to do it. The Governor vetoes a high-license bill. It's all the fault of the wicked Republican legislators who would not frame a good one! He vetoes the secret-ballot bill. It was unconstitutional! He vetoes the census bill. It provided for too much paid work! He vetoed the bill looking toward a constitutional convention. There was something the matter with that! And yet the Governor begs that you will not misunderstand him. If there was any good in any of these bills he was distinctly in favor of it and would have had it on the statute book, sure enough, but for the machinations of that accomplished rascal, Tom Platt. Why, there is even said to be a sort of high license of which the Governor would approve if it were offered to him, and as for ballot reform, LIFE really believes that he is not against all phases of that and would sign a bill for it if he could get one that would just suit him. There is too much disposition to regard the Governor as a fiend with split feet and a barbed tail, and to call him such names as would be suitable to such a dignitary. The good man is misunderstood and grievously maligned. Any one to whom it came easy to believe dark things about his neighbor might find a good deal of apparent basis for the supposition that our Governor and our precious Albany legislators were reasonably well satisfied with things as they are. Between them, nothing is done that ought to be done. Every plan that has a hint of reformation about it falls through. The Governor gets re-elected, partly as a rebuke to Tom Platt, and the Republican majority keeps up partly because the Governor vetoes the bills for redistricting the state. The Governor, by his vetoes, saves the legislature from the consequences of its sins, and the legislature by sending in bad bills saves the Governor from the disagreeable risk of signing a bill that might incite a mutiny among his followers.

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THE Governor believes in managing the people by the judicious use of patronage. He knows his friends and provides as well for them as his political means will admit, and when it comes election time his friends go out and hustle for him. That is one way of doing politics, and it has this advantage, that it is a way that has been in use for a good while and has worked, whereas it is not proved yet that a different way can be made to work. In this sort of politics principles and measures and all those are very well, but the real stuff is patronage. Patronage is not only the grease on the wheels, but it is the very coal in the stomach of the machine. Our Governor is a very great hand to distribute patronage. He never wastes a crumb, and it all goes where it seems likeliest to do good. Our Grover was never very successful at it. He seemed to try sometimes, but it was never said of him that he was a good provider. It was even hinted that he neglected his friends. Few of his supporters brag that he is a pure essence of unselfish patriotism, but a great many of them believe that his particular quality of willfulness would give better promise of good government than that of Governor Hill. Some considerations obtain in the task of choosing a President which are regarded in choosing a cook, for it is inexpedient to employ one who has too many followers whose encouragement is to come out of the family storeroom. If our Grover ever gets nominated for high office again it will be because of an existing impression that in spite of many lapses he represents a greater degree of opposition to the spoils system than any other candidate who is available. If our Governor gets it, it will be because a lively sense of favors to come is wonderfully conducive to the activity of a machine. Possibly neither our Grover nor our Governor will get it.

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Miss McGinty is well and happy.

SHE MEETS WITH STRANGE AND BLOOD-CURDLING ADVENTURES.

Rough Weather on the East Side—Quarantined at Bellevue—Peculiar Habits of the Natives—The Possibilities of Modern Travel.

S. E. CORNER OF AVENUE B AND EIGHTY-SIXTH STREET, WEDNESDAY P. M.

As car No. 46 of the Twenty-Third Street line bounded away from LIFE office on that sunny December morning which now seems so long, long ago, my heart went down into my number-six gaiters with a dull thud. But I soon recovered my gaiety from my gaietors and began to make the acquaintance of my fellow-travelers. They were very interesting company, the most distinguished among them, perhaps, being Count Thomasso degli Organa, an Italian gentleman of musical tastes, who was bound for the Bowery to hypothecate a handsomely-decorated hand organ which a cruel edict of the municipal government had deprived of its income-earning possibilities. The Duchess of Jones's Wood (formerly Miss Julie Tatters, of New York,) was also with us and, at a concert given on the front platform for the benefit of the Fund for Decrepit Bank Presidents, charmed every one by her rendering of the Swan Song from "Cordelia's Aspirations."

As we neared Third Avenue the conductor reported a sudden fall in the barometer and it was thought best to come to anchor in front of Guggenheimer's saloon. Signor Guggenheimer is a courteous gentleman of the old school and gallantly extended to us the hospitalities of his bar at the usual rates. The men accepted, but we women and children thought it better to stick to the car. There we sat huddled together, not knowing what next to expect, when suddenly a vague mass loomed up in the fog and came bearing down upon us. At last it assumed definite shape and we could see that it was a beer truck which, as well as its driver, was heavily loaded.

If I live to be forty-two years old I shall never forget that moment. The deep silence was broken only by the roaring of the elevated railway trains, the shrieks of the women, the cursing of the men, and the guttural efforts of the truck-driver to make libellous remarks uttered in German understood by our driver, a native of County Clare. Finally, some one, with that rare presence of mind which comes in times of peril only to great natures, turned in a fire-alarm and the truck driver was taken to the police station in an ambulance. [We suspect that our modest Sadie was the person who did this.—*Ed.* LIFE.]

A merciful providence having saved us from

SADIE AND THE BARYE LION.

this peril, I began to believe that I should be able to make my connection with the car going north via First Avenue. As we neared our destination the pilot came aboard and I learned that the First Avenue car was three days late; also that the neighborhood was being devastated by a lion which had escaped from the Barye collection. While I was impatiently enduring this inforced delay, a certain lovely but courageous woman, who shall be nameless [We suspect it was Sadie.—*Ed.* LIFE], encountered the lion and did him to death by forcing her umbrella down his throat.

At last the First Avenue car hove in sight on a course bearing N.N.E. by a half W. Amid the plaudits of assembled thousands I ascended the gang-plank and we got under way. As we went north a strong odor of iodoform assailed our nostrils, and the Health Officer from Bellevue Hospital came aboard to ascertain if there was a case of la Grippe aboard. I assured him that my grip was a dress-suit case and not fatal, so he permitted me to proceed. As we went further north it grew perceptibly colder, so cold that I feared I might get left at the next change of cars.

My instructions from LIFE were to discover the North Pole if I could do so without varying too much from my route as originally laid out. I have the pleasure to report that I discovered it in front of a First Avenue barber's shop, and that it now bears LIFE's card of advertising rates, a statement that LIFE's circulation last week was 46,952,431¼ copies, and your correspondent's maiden name.

I have reached this point in safety and have stopped here to replenish my supply of cheese

SADIE INTERVIEWS THE SPHINX.

sandwiches, which was beginning to run very low.

As we stopped at Kodak a little while I took advantage of the opportunity to pay a visit to the Sphinx. When I told him that I represented LIFE and that our circulation last week was 63,421,903⅔ copies he received me with great urbanity, and asked me if the paper did not want to start a puzzle department and put him in charge. I told him that if he could bring suitable recommendations and would submit some samples of his work he might possibly secure the situation.

I will confess that I am getting a little bit tired. The rapid motion of the street cars and the numerous hair-breadth escapes I have encountered have worn me down to a mere shadow, but I keep before my eyes the glorious fact that LIFE's circulation last week was 76,744,921⅓ copies, and I shall not tire.

SADIE MCGINTY.

SADIE DISCOVERS THE NORTH POLE.

A NEW FEATURE.

LIFE'S GENEROSITY TO ITS READERS.

A GUESSING MATCH.

So much interest has been developed in Sadie McGinty's trip around New York that we are going to give our readers a chance to test their wits.

We hereby offer to that person who shall come the furthest away from guessing the exact time of Sadie's tour the choice of a number of attractive trips, the only condition being that the guesser shall be a native of China.

The successful guesser will have the choice of the following trips:

From City Hall Park to Harlem *via* the Third Avenue Elevated, with the privilege of standing up if there are no seats to be had.

To Jersey City by any first-class ferry, with the privilege of stopping over in Hoboken for a week unless death is preferred.

To Brooklyn and the Holy Land, including Hunter's Point.

To Chicago, if the guesser is an adult and of good moral character.

IN NEWSPAPER ROW.

"I'LL be in town on Monday,"
She writes from out of town.
She comes to shop, to pay a call,
To fit the latest gown.
It matters not, she will be here,
And that's enough for me—
Enough to make the sky grow light,
The world smile cheerily.

"I'll be in town on Monday,"
And I at work, I fear,
Though work will be as play to me
Since she is coming here.
The words keep running through my head.
They mean so much to me;
The very street sounds echo them
In ceaseless sympathy.

"She'll be in town on Monday,"
The presses seem to say
As down below they're threshing out
The best of news this day.
I can't write else but silly verse;
They say my "copy's" queer;
I'd let Chicago have the Fair
Since *she* is coming *here*.

Richard Harding Davis.

Dejected Youth: I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN THIS ENGAGEMENT RING I PURCHASED HERE A FEW DAYS AGO.
Jeweler: DIDN'T IT SUIT THE YOUNG LADY?
D. Y.: YES, BUT ANOTHER YOUNG MAN HAD ALREADY GIVEN HER ONE JUST LIKE IT AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE IT FOR A WEDDING PRESENT.

BOOKISHNESS

ON THE KINDNESS OF THE WORLD.

A PULPIT orator the other day in a New Year's sermon quoted, with application to the present day, Johnson's remark to Boswell that, though the world was not growing more honest, it was surely growing more kind. He was moved to the remark by the fact that after the recent fire at the Presbyterian Hospital in this city the patients were sheltered in a Hebrew institution near by. To the non-sectarian mind that incident is a commendable act of common humanity—nothing more or less. To have acted otherwise would have been to go back certainly half a century. That any one should think of creed with reference to physical suffering or peril demanding immediate relief is a vivid illustration of the persistence of inherited prejudices in the face of modern enlightenment. One may well doubt whether it ever occurred to the mind of the charitable Hebrews that there was any special magnanimity in sheltering Calvinists in deadly peril. It takes a Calvinist—conscious of his own ticklish position in claiming to be specially elected to the good things of this life and the life to come—to grasp the magnanimous point of view.

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ALL of this has nothing to do with "Bookishness" except as a prologue to the mention of another illustration of the fact that the world is growing kinder. Here is a little book, called "Said in Fun," which has been produced solely by the spirit of good-fellowship and sympathy. None of the men who have helped to make it have anything to gain

THE GOING OUT OF THE OLD YEAR.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF IT.

Miss Bleeker: YOU ENGLISH HAVE SOME ABSURD CUSTOMS. NOW THERE'S NO JUSTICE, AND NO SENSE—NO RHYME, AND NO REASON—IN PRIMOGENITURE.

Lord Bondhunter: OH, I DON'T KNOW, NOW. IT'S JUST LIKE THIS, YOU SEE, "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED."

from it except the consciousness of having done a graceful act. A score of busy artists—the leading American caricaturists—at the suggestion of W. A. Rogers, have contributed forty drawings to illustrate a selection made by Robert Gordon Butler of the witticisms of that genial humorist and peculiarly brave man, the late Philip H. Welch. The profits of this collection of the father's humor will help educate the children whom he loved and worked for, with rare heroism, till death ended it all. (Scribner's.)

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THE great body of music-lovers, whether with or without technical knowledge, will find in W. J. Henderson's "Story of Music" (Longmans) "a succinct account of the progressive steps in the development of modern music as an art." It it free from the faults of a musical vocabulary which only the elect understand; it is written with adequate knowledge, clear judgment and enthusiasm, and, moreover, it has the graces of style which belong to a practiced writer and versifier.

The same reading constituency will find pleasure in "Musical Moments: Short Selections in Prose and Verse." (McClurg.) Some of the best lyrics have been inspired by music, and many of those chosen for this volume are among the most exquisite in English verse. Modern American writers are also well represented.

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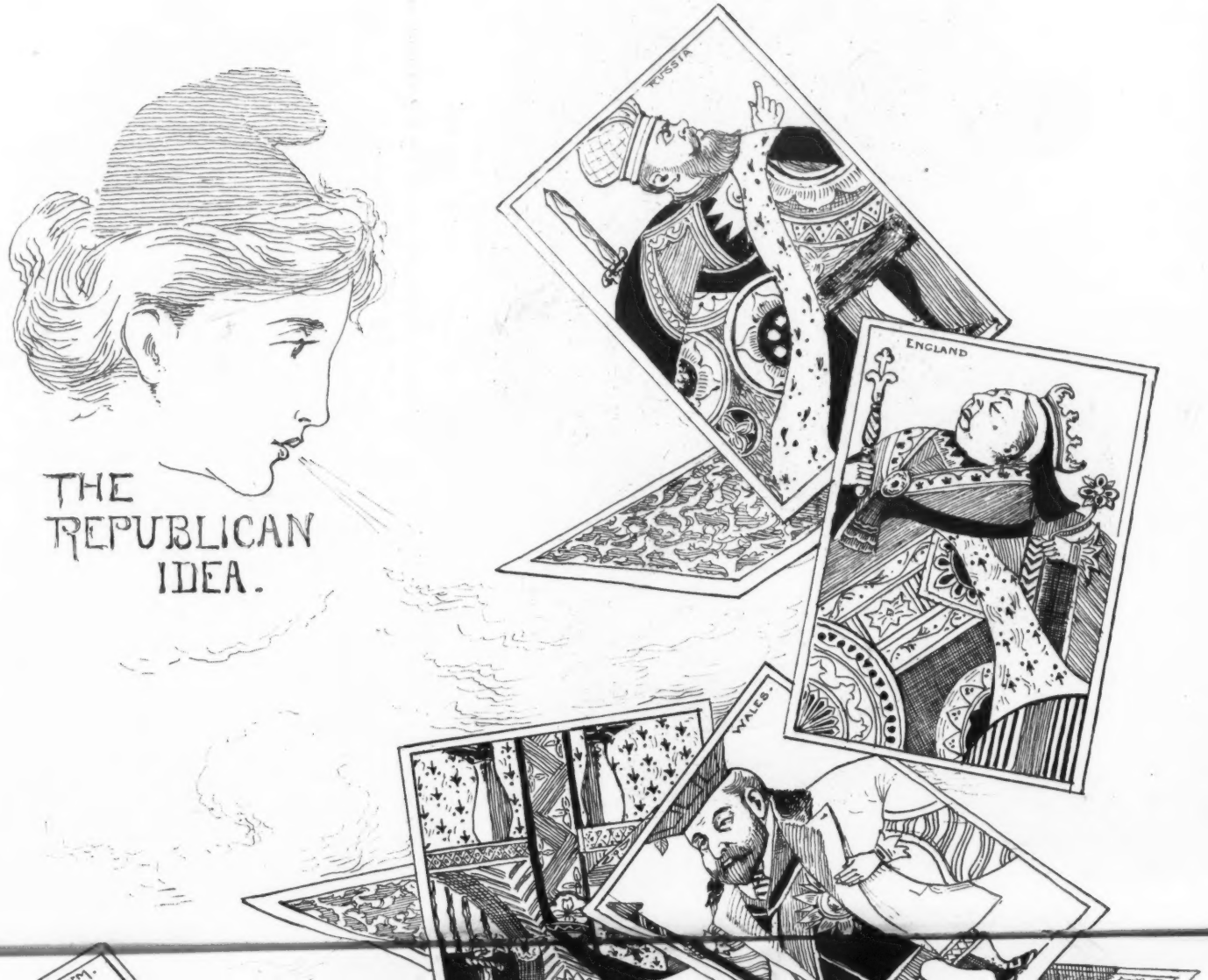
DR. HENRY VAN DYKE has written of "The Poetry of Tennyson" (Scribner's) with the sincerest admiration for the laureate's skill as an artist and for his opinions as an observer of life. He believes in "the power of poetry to cheer and sweeten and elevate human life"; and he believes in Tennyson as one of the greatest of the poets. Composed in this spirit, the book is not an example of comparative criticism, but of exposition and interpretation. As such, the admirers of Tennyson will find in it many signboards to direct them to pleasant highways and by-ways in the poet's country.

Droch.

NEW BOOKS.

BY WHOSE HAND? By Edith Sessions Tupper. New York: Welch, Fracker & Company.

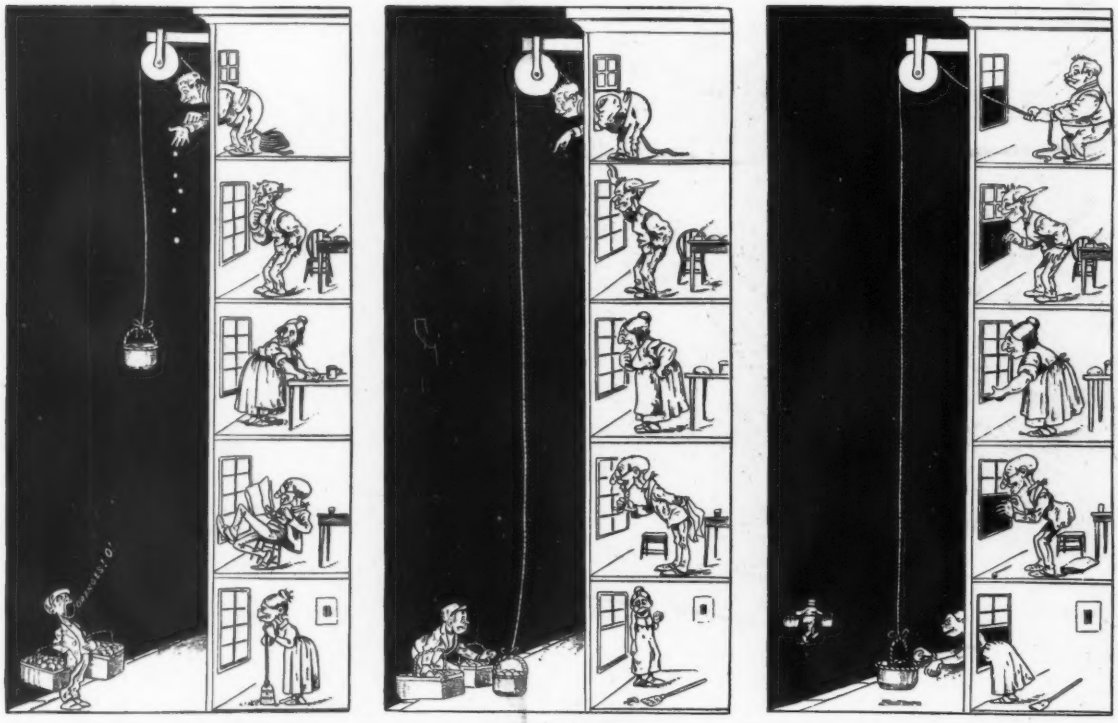
Alexia. By Mary Abbott. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Company.


THE REPUBLICAN IDEA.
RUSSIA
ENGLAND
WALES.

NOW THAT BRAZIL HAS SHOWN US HOW EASY IS THE EXPORTATION OF AN EMPEROR, IT IS ALSO EASY TO SUPPOSE THAT THE GREAT EUROPEAN CARD-HOUSE MAY GET A JOSTLE.

THE FIFTH-FLOOR LODGER AND HIS ELEVATOR.

A LESSON IN SUBTRACTION.



THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

BLIND Love had strayed and asked of me his way,
Of me, a bachelor, two-score and gray.
"Sweet youth," said I with calculating art,
"This is thy way," and pressed him to my heart.

A SOCIETY MYSTERY.

SCENE: *A Ballroom.*

MISS HATEMALL: What *can* it mean?

MISS ALWAYSO: Dreadful, isn't it?

MADAM HATEMALL: Who is it my dear? I cannot use my lorgnettes effectively in this crowd.

MISS HATEMALL: Why, that horrid Miss Veriplaine—just surrounded by a crowd of men. All of them are crowding around her. There must be something mysterious about it. Possibly a secret fortune. It's dreadful!

MISS ALWAYSO: Of course it is, and she the plainest and dowdiest-dressed girl in the room. If she had a mint of money she couldn't look well. A man would have to marry her with his eyes shut.

MISS HEVIWATE: There's Will Toward crowding up. Regie Rattlebrain is leaning over her and making himself as delightful as he knows how.

MADAM THOUGHTLESSE: It was only a week ago that he was making himself so attentive to my Grace. I shall remember it.

MISS HATEMALL: There goes Harry Hardup—and, bless me, Ned Neversmile, the immaculate. How can he make such a spectacle of himself!

MISS PEACHBLOW: Why, the rest of us might just as well go home. She has become a perfect queen.

MISS ALWAYSO: Really I'm not very old—

CHORUS (*sympathetically*): Of course not.

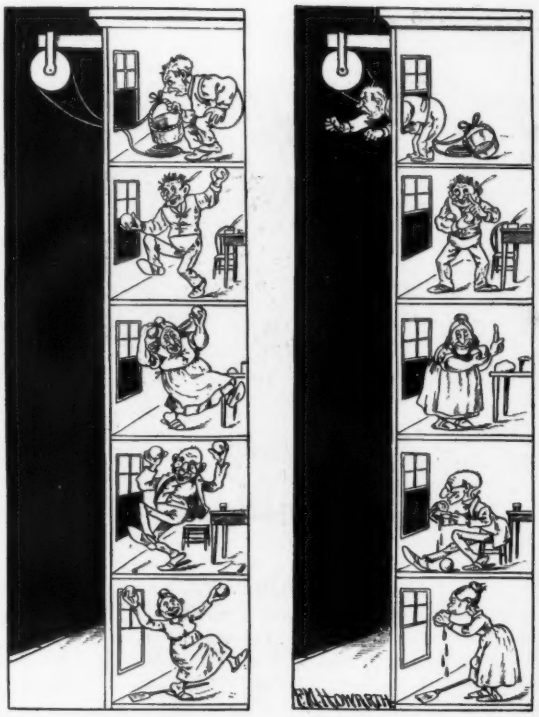
MISS ALWAYSO (*severely*): I was intending to say that although my experience has been very limited, only having been abroad twice, and never since I came out, this goes far beyond me. It has almost destroyed my confidence in my own eyes.

MISS HATEMALL: Ah! here comes Will Toward. He'll tell us what it means. He hasn't brains enough to know that we're pumping him. Good evening, Mr. Toward (*sweetly*). Do tell us why all the men in the room are crowding around Miss Veriplaine.

WILL TOWARD: Oh! Ah! Of course! Very good! She's sitting by the punch bowl, you know. Awfully jolly punch. Strong! Oh, awfully strong, don't you know.

CHORUS: Oh! That's it? I thought it was another piece of her finessing. Isn't she perfectly dreadful?

Tom Hall.



A CHRISTMAS ECHO.

JUDGE (*to prisoner*): You were seen by the officer, sir, dodging about the back streets and evidently trying to avoid meeting any one. You were therefore arrested by said officer on the charge of being a suspicious character. But, be that as it may, as you appear to be a respectable person, I will discharge you from the custody of the court if you can give a satisfactory reason for your suspicious actions when arrested.

PRISONER (*brokenly*): I—I—was wearing, Your Honor, for the first time, a necktie, a Christmas—present—from—my—wife, and I was afraid to m-meet any——

JUDGE (*promptly and decisively, but visibly affected*): The prisoner has the sincere sympathy of the court and is honorably discharged.

EASILY CAUGHT.

MRS. FANGLE: This Russian influenza is very contagious, is it not?

FANGLE: Yes; even a detective could catch it.

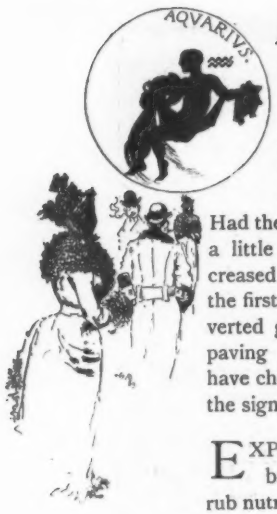
HIS SHEFF DE OVER.

"WHAT is your favorite Shakespearean play, Mrs. Lakeside?"

"Well, I dunno as I know. I think 'Dromio and Joliet' has some very fine passengers in it."

THE ESSENTIAL.

"YOUR ENGAGEMENT RING! FROM WHOM?"
"OH, TIFFANY."



AQUARIUS, or the Waterman, was probably chosen by the Zodiakers to represent January because even in their time young men were wont on the first of the year to have high hopes of putting themselves permanently on a cold-water diet. Had the Zodiakers known human nature a little better and considered the increased consumption of intoxicants after the first few days of January have converted good resolutions into fire-proof paving material, they would doubtless have chosen a distillery or a brewery for the sign of the month.

EXPERIENCE is a great teacher, but the little tin utensil we use to rub nutmegs on is a grater.

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF NEW YORK.

1. The pavements.
2. The obstructions on the sidewalks.
3. The brutal policemen.
4. The old masters at the Metropolitan Museum.
5. Elliot F. Shepard (Col.).
6. The Mud.
7. That in spite of all this it is such a decent city to live in.

WHEN THE NOVELTY WEARS OFF.

"HI, WILKINS! COME IN AND DRAIN THE FLOWING BOWL TO THE HEALTH OF MY FIRST-BORN—A BOUNCING BOY."

"WELL, THAT'S QUITE A COINCIDENCE. I'VE JUST HELPED GRIMSEY DROWN HIS WOE IN THE FLOWING BOWL—HIS EIGHTH, ANOTHER BOY."

MEAGRE HOLIDAY FARE.

Charitable Visitor: I BELONG TO THE MOTTO MISSION, AND I HEAR YOU ARE A HARD-WORKING, PATIENT, DESERVING WIDOW AND THAT YOUR CHILDREN SOMETIMES GO WITHOUT MEALS. I HAVE BROUGHT YOU ONE OF OUR PRETTIEST DEVICES TO HANG ON YOUR WALL TO COMFORT YOU IN YOUR GLOOMY MOMENTS.

BAD ENOUGH, THOUGH.

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MRS. GRIMLY (*with a relieved sigh*): Oh, well, 'tain't *quite* so bad as I heered 'twas.

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GUEST: I don't happen to have at this moment a mortal enemy in the world!—*Humoristiche Blätter.*

YOUNG MR. GOTHAM (*at a Murray Hill entertainment*): Do you know, Miss Smith, if the lady who is surrounded by the group of gentlemen is married?

MISS SMITH: Oh, I think not. I notice that she is carrying on one or two desperate flirtations. No married lady would do that, you know.

YOUNG MR. GOTHAM: H-m! Of course not. And when do you expect to return to your home in Southern Illinois, Miss Smith?—*Boston Beacon.*

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FIRST SCHOLAR: I dunno.
SECOND SCHOLAR: I does.
TEACHER: Well, Johnny, what are the Epistles?
SECOND SCHOLAR: The Epistles are the wives of the Apostles.—*America.*

MANAGING EDITOR: Mr. Faber, I thought you were sent out to see about that alarm of fire; but I don't see any report of the fire in the paper.

REPORTER: But there wasn't any fire.

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